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1. Trouble has developed recently among the Japanese in the north of Parana, where the Tokotai group of Japanese fanatics, under cover of the Tokotai religion, is most active. The center of the sect is reported to be Assai, but it is also strong in Maringa, Cornelio, Procopio, Santa Mariana, Bandeirantes, and Cambara.
2. According to the police, Tokotai, a new organization with approximately 300 armed members in Brazil, has as its aim the harassing of Japanese who oppose both Tokotai and Shindo Remmei [REDACTED] Comment. Japanese organization which carried on terrorist activities in Sao Paulo during World War II). Tokotai is spreading propaganda to the effect that Japan did not lose the war and that General MacArthur is a prisoner in Japan. Some of the Japanese believe these statements, and others obey the terrorists in order to have peace. Of late Tokotai has carried out economic blockades against Japanese who will not cooperate, refusing to purchase their goods and, in some cases, holding up their funds by litigation and by terrorist tactics.
3. A short time ago police official Antonio Pereira Lima spent 10 days investigating Japanese activities in Parana. During that period seven Tokotai members were arrested. They were found to be in possession of uniforms and weapons and were wearing the Japanese flag tied around their waists under their clothes. Also discovered by the police through the arrests was a list of "enemies" of the terrorists. These enemies were to be denounced to the police as "yellow Communists" by Tokotai.
4. The police have started an offensive against Japanese terrorists in various towns of Parana. A delegation of opposition Japanese went to Curitiba during the week of 3-9 October, invited by the police for the purpose of forming an organization. Fifteen Japanese nationals were chosen for a central commission to have its headquarters at Londrina. Sub-committees were established in Assai, Apucarana, Araponga, Rolandia, and Urui. A campaign to inform Japanese citizens in Brazil of the truth is to be carried on in the Japanese language through newspapers, lectures, and the radio.

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